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1. THE FOLLOWING IS RWANDA PRESS GUIDANCE (AF) AND  
BURUNDI STATEMENT AND PRESS GUIDANCE (AF).

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2. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY RPF  
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Q: IS IT TRUE THAT THE RPF HAS COMMITTED HUMAN RIGHTS  
ATROCITIES? WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

A: THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF HARASSMENT AND REPRISALS BY  
RPF SOLDIERS AND RETURNING TUTSI REFUGEES AGAINST HUTUS,  
PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHEASTERN RWANDA. THE CONTINUED  
OUTFLOW OF REFUGEES TO TANZANIA HAS BEEN OF PARTICULAR  
CONCERN.

FROM THE TIME WE FIRST HEARD THESE REPORTS, WE URGED THE  
NEW GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA TO INVESTIGATE AND TAKE NECESSARY  
ACTION. WE MADE THIS POINT BOTH THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN

KIGALI AND IN MEETINGS BETWEEN VISITING U.S. OFFICIALS  
AND RWANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE PRESIDENTIAL  
MISSION ALSO RAISED THESE REPORTS.

THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT ASSURED US THAT REPRISALS ARE NOT  
THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID  
THEY BELIEVED THE ATTACKS WERE ISOLATED INCIDENTS AND THAT  
THEY WERE WORKING TO ENSURE DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE MILITARY.

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SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION SUGGESTS THAT THE PROBLEM MAY BE MORE WIDESPREAD THAN ORIGINALLY REPORTED. THE UN IS UNCLASSIFIED

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INVESTIGATING AND IS CURRENTLY DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT. WE ARE DOING THE SAME.

UNDER SECRETARY WIRTH IS WINDING UP A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO RWANDA TODAY. ALONG WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICA, PRUDENCE BUSHNELL, HE RAISED OUR CONCERNS WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND URGED IMMEDIATE ACTION TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER AND TAKE STEPS TO PUT A HALT TO ANY ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AGREED THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS REQUIRED, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS COOPERATING WITH THE UN IN THIS INVESTIGATION.

WE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH UNAMIR THE NEED TO PLACE PEACEKEEPERS IN THE SOUTHEAST WHERE THE REPORTS OF ABUSES HAVE BEEN CENTERED. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE UN WILL DISPATCH A CONTINGENT TO THE AREA BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK.

Q: OTHER THAN DEMARCHES, WHAT ELSE ARE THE U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DOING TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM?

A: THE U.S. IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE UN TO COMPLETE DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THERE ARE ALREADY ABOUT 4,200 UNAMIR PERSONNEL IN RWANDA; THE 5,500 FORCE SHOULD BE FULLY DEPLOYED BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

IN ADDITION, WE ARE PUSHING TO HAVE THE UN COMPLETE DEPLOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE FIRST GROUP OF 25 SHOULD BE ON THE GROUND BY THE END  
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OF THE MONTH.

THE U.S. HAS PLEDGED A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF DOLARS 750,000 AND HAS BEEN ASSISTING THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO EXPEDITE PLANNING AND RECRUITMENT OF

MONITORS. THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER'S PLAN OF ACTION INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY 150 MONITORS, FORENSICS EXPERTS, AND OTHER SPECIALISTS, AND THE UN WILL BE

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APPEALING FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THESE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

WE ARE ALSO PRESSING FOR RAPID COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF THE UN COMMISSION OF EXPERTS AND SPEEDY ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL TO BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR GENOCIDE, WAR CRIMES, OR OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ATROCITIES. WE EXPECT THE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE ITS INTERIM REPORT IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, AND WE INTEND TO MOVE QUICKLY THEREAFTER IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A TRIBUNAL.

Q: WOULD THE TRIBUNAL ALSO PROSECUTE CASES INVOLVING RPF ATTACKS?

A: WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE TRIBUNAL MUST BE EVEN-HANDED IN METING OUT JUSTICE AND THAT ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE COMMITTED VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN RWANDA SINCE APRIL -- REGARDLESS OF WHICH SIDE THEY MAY HAVE FOUGHT FOR OR SUPPORTED -- SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL.

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Q: WHAT IMPLICATIONS DO THESE REPORTS HAVE ON OUR RELATIONS WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA?

A: WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT THAT OUR RELATIONS AND ASSISTANCE DEPEND ON SERIOUS EFFORTS BY THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT TO CREATE CONDITIONS THAT WILL PROMOTE REFUGEE RETURN, INTERNAL RECOVERY, AND, ULTIMATELY, NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

WE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL ACT QUICKLY TO END THESE ATTACKS AND INVESTIGATE PAST INCIDENTS SO THAT INNOCENT LIVES ARE PROTECTED AND REFUGEES WILL FEEL SAFE TO RETURN. THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING OUR RELATIONS AND ASSISTING THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEOPLE TO RECOVER FROM THE WAR AND MOVE TO NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

Q: IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGING REFUGEES TO RETURN? IF SO, WILL THESE REPORTS CAUSE YOU TO CHANGE THAT POLICY?

A: OUR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE HAS NOT CHANGED. FROM THE BEGINNING, WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS IN RWANDA THAT WILL FACILITATE THE VOLUNTARY RETURN OF

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REFUGEES IN SAFETY.

WE OPPOSE INVOLUNTARY REPATRIATION AND DO NOT SUPPORT ENCOURAGING REFUGEE RETURN IF IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT REPATRIATION CAN BE DONE SAFELY.

OUR DEMARCHES TO THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE  
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REPORTS OF ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS, AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF EXPANDED UNAMIR AND HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS, ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY SITUATION AND THEREBY FACILITATE SAFE, VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION.

(IF ASKED:)

Q: WHO IS DOING THE ATTACKING? DOES THIS REFLECT A POLICY OF THE NEW RWANDAN GOVERNMENT?

A: THE REPORTS ARE STILL BEING INVESTIGATED BUT THERE IS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT RPF TROOPS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. WE DO NOT KNOW WITH CERTAINTY WHETHER THEY WERE ACTING ON THEIR OWN OR WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF ANYONE IN THE MILITARY COMMAND OR GOVERNMENT.

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3. STATEMENT BY SPOKESMAN - BURUNDI: CONTINUING VIOLENCE  
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THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED ABOUT CONTINUING INCIDENTS OF POLITICAL AND ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN BURUNDI. WE DEPLORE LAST FRIDAY'S SHOOTING OF A RULING PARTY PARLIAMENTARIAN IN BUJUMBURA. THE APPARENT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT FOLLOWS A RECENT ATTACK ON AN OPPOSITION FIGURE'S HOME. DURING THIS SAME PERIOD, CLASHES BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND ARMED GROUPS IN NEIGHBORHOODS OUTLYING THE CAPITAL RESULTED IN AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF DEATHS. A PARLIAMENTARIAN AND A FOREIGN RELIEF OFFICIAL WERE SHOT AND KILLED LAST MONTH IN SEPARATE ATTACKS. SPORADIC INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE CONTINUE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

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PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTH, WHERE THE LARGE INFLUX OF RWANDAN REFUGEES HAS HEIGHTENED TENSIONS.

WE URGE ALL SIDES TO REFRAIN FROM VIOLENCE AND CALL ON THE

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BURUNDI SECURITY FORCES TO USE RESTRAINT IN MAINTAINING ORDER. THE SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT POLITICAL IMPASSE MUST BE FOUND THROUGH DIALOGUE. WE URGE ALL SIDES IN THE MULTI-PARTY POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS TO SHOW FLEXIBILITY AND MOVE TO A PROMPT CONCLUSION ON PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION TALKS SO THAT THE COUNTRY CAN PROCEED WITH ITS DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION.

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4. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - BURUNDI: SITUATION UPDATE  
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Q: WHO WAS THE PARLIAMENTARIAN? WHAT HAPPENED AND HOW IS HE?

A: THE PARLIAMENTARIAN, NORBERT NDIHOKUBWAYO (N-DE-O -KOO- BRWAYO), IS A MEMBER OF THE RULING FRODEBU PARTY. HE WAS SHOT BY AN UNKNOWN GROUP WHILE IN HIS CAR IN BUJUMBURA. HE SUSTAINED SERIOUS NECK AND LEG WOUNDS BUT IS RECOVERING.

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE ATTACK ON THE OPPOSITION FIGURE'S HOME, AND THE KILLINGS LAST MONTH OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN AND RELIEF WORKER?

A: ON SEPTEMBER 14, UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS ATTACKED THE  
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HOME OF FRANCOIS NGEZE (EN GAY ZEE), A DEPUTY IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE UPRONA OPPOSITION PARTY. GENDARMES GUARDING THE HOME RESISTED THE ATTACK. NGEZE WAS NOT HARMED. (FYI: FOLLOWING LAST OCTOBER'S FAILED COUP ATTEMPT, NGEZE HEADED THE SHORT-LIVED "COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY" THAT ATTEMPTED TO ASSERT AUTHORITY BUT NEVER ACTUALLY TOOK POWER.)

ON AUGUST 19, A FRODEBU PARLIAMENTARIAN, SYLVESTRE MFAYOKURERA (M-FAY-O-KER-RAR), WAS ASSASSINATED IN BUJUMBURA BY AN UNKNOWN GUNMAN.

ON AUGUST 13, A FOREIGN UNHCR EMPLOYEE, JOSE HERRERA WAS KILLED IN NORTHERN BURUNDI, IN AN ATTACK THAT MAY HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO WAS VISITING HERRERA'S HOUSE.

Q: DO WE KNOW HOW MANY WERE KILLED IN THE CLASHES LAST WEEK BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND ARMED GROUPS?

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A: INITIAL FIGURES RELEASED BY THE DEFENSE MINISTRY REPORTED 62 DEATHS IN THE FIGHTING BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND ARMED GROUPS IN KAMENGE AND OTHER OUTLYING NEIGHBORHOODS OF BUJUMBURA. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT THE FINAL DEATH TOLL MAY BE HIGHER.

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE INCIDENTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE?

A: THERE ARE CONTINUING REPORTS OF VIOLENCE IN THE INTERIOR, WITH ATTENDANT OUTFLOWS OF REFUGEES. SOME OF  
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THE MORE SERIOUS INCIDENTS WERE:

ON SEPTEMBER 4, DOZENS OF CIVILIANS WERE KILLED IN AN ATTACK ON A CHURCH SERVICE IN MUYINGA PROVINCE IN NORTHEAST BURUNDI.

IN JULY, A NUMBER OF REFUGEES WERE KILLED IN AN ABANDONED CHAPEL IN NGOZI PROVINCE, AND OTHERS DISAPPEARED FROM A TRASIT CENTER IN KAYANZA PROVINCE.

IN JUNE, AS MANY AS 100 RWANDAN REFUGEES WERE KILLED IN KIRUNDO PROVINCE IN THE NORTH.

Q: WHERE DO THE SUCCESSION TALKS STAND?

A: DISCUSSIONS ON PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION CONTINUE, FOLLOWING THE MULTI-PARTY AGREEMENT REACHED TWO WEEKS AGO ON POWERSHARING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

THE PARTIES HAVE UNTIL THIS WEEKEND TO PRESENT THEIR CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT. THE SELECTION PROCESS WILL BEGIN ITS FINAL PHASE AT THAT POINT.

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. DOING TO HELP THE SITUATION?

A: WE ARE URGING ALL SIDES IN THE MULTI-PARTY POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS TO SHOW FLEXIBILITY AND MOVE TO A PROMPT CONCLUSION ON PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION TALKS SO THAT THE COUNTRY CAN PROCEED WITH ITS DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION.

WE HAVE SENT HIGH-LEVEL VISTORS TO THE COUNTRY TO SHOW OUR  
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SUPPORT FOR BURUNDI'S FRAGILE NASCENT DEMOCRACY. THESE  
HAVE INCLUDED AID ADMINISTRATOR ATWOOD AND ASSISTANT

SECRETARIES MOOSE AND SHATTUCK, AND UNDER SECRETARY  
WIRTH, WHO IS ARRIVING IN BURUNDI TODAY. A GROUP OF  
DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN NGO LEADERS ALSO RECENTLY TRAVELLED  
TO BURUNDI AS PART OF A SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL MISSION TO  
THE REGION.

WE HAVE PROVIDED OVER DOLLARS 60 MILLION IN HUMANITARIAN  
AID TO BURUNDI SINCE VIOLENCE ERUPTED THERE LAST OCTOBER  
FOLLOWING THE FAILED COUP ATTEMPT AND MURDER OF PRESIDENT  
NDADADYE.

WE ARE PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE SMALL OAU MONITORING  
FORCE. ADDITIONAL MONITORS ARE TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK,  
BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 37. THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS HAS DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR  
TECHNICAL HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY SERVICES IN BURUNDI, AND  
WE ARE PROVIDING DOLLARS 300,000 TO SUPPORT THAT WORTHY  
EFFORT.

WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THOSE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTEMPTED COUP AND MURDER OF PRESIDENT  
NDADAYE LAST OCTOBER, AND THE ETHNIC KILLINGS THAT  
FOLLOWED. WE RECOGNIZE THAT BURUNDI MAY NEED HELP IN THAT  
EFFORT, AND WE STAND READY TO ASSIST.

Q: WHAT AID HAVE WE PROVIDED TO BURUNDI?

A: THE U.S. HAS PROVIDED OVER DOLLARS 60 MILLION IN  
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HUMANITARIAN RELIEF TO BURUNDI REFUGEES AND INTERNALLY  
DISPLACED SINCE VIOLENCE FIRST ERUPTED DURING AND AFTER  
LAST OCTOBER'S FAILED COUP ATTEMPT.

UNITED STATES ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO BURUNDI IS BUDGETED  
AT DOLLARS 5 MILLION FOR FY-94. WE HAVE SUPPORTED  
DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAMS, FAMILY PLANNING  
SERVICES AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE, PRIVATIZATION  
AND ENTERPRISE CREATION, AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

Q: HOW MANY AMERICANS ARE IN BURUNDI?

A: THERE ARE ABOUT 80 AMERICANS IN BURUNDI, MOST OF WHOM  
ARE MISSIONARIES AND OTHER NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS. ALL

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AMERICANS ARE REPORTED TO BE SAFE.

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